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Weekly wrap-up

Trade mission results in more jobs for Hoosiers

Oct. 15, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from Toyota Boshoku Corporation to announce the company will locate a new seat frame production and assembly facility in Princeton, creating more than 200 new jobs.



Oct. 15, 2007- Gov. Daniels with executives from Toyota Boshoku Corporation in Princeton.

The Toyota supplier will build and equip the 201,000 square-foot facility to manufacture and assemble seat frames for the nearby Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana plant.

"Final agreement was reached during our recent trade mission, and Toyota Boshoku is the company. Toyota and its suppliers have played a significant role in our economic comeback. In the last three years, their success has resulted in more than 2,500 new Hoosier jobs," said Daniels.

Construction of the new facility is slated for early 2008 with hiring of new associates and production targeting to begin in 2009. The new seat frame facility will locate adjacent to Total Interior Systems -

America, a joint venture between Toyota Boshoku America and Lear Corporation, which supplies interior systems for Toyota's minivan, built in Princeton.

[Read the news release.](#)

INShape Indiana Health Summit promotes worksite wellness

Oct. 15, 2007- Nearly 600 people attended the third annual INShape Indiana Health Summit at Purdue University in West Lafayette. "Live Healthy, Work Healthy," this year's theme, focused on workplace wellness and health management programs as business strategies.

Opening remarks were provided by Governor Mitch Daniels, State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe and Purdue University President France A. Córdova, followed by a series of keynote speakers, exhibits and breakout sessions.



Oct. 16, 2007- Gov. Daniels with attendees at the Statewide Conference on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Indianapolis.

"The reason I am so excited about this third annual event is we are getting to the heart of the matter. As we move forward with INShape Indiana into 2008, we hope to promote personal responsibility, which is what wellness is all about," said Gov. Daniels. "I am genuinely optimistic we are turning a corner."

Earlier this year, Governor Daniels signed into law a tax credit for small employers who recognize the importance of worksite wellness. Businesses with worksite wellness programs have a unique opportunity to use this tax credit and improve the lives of their employees. Details on what employers qualify for this tax credit and information on how to apply can also be found at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/wellness/index.htm>

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To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click [here](#).

Governor attends kick-off to Youth Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse conference

Oct. 19, 2007- Governor Daniels joined young Hoosiers this week at the opening session of the Youth Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse conference. The purpose of the Youth Council is to encourage young people to identify county-specific issues regarding substance abuse and to establish successful drug prevention programs in their communities.

"The minds of young adults are endless resources of bright ideas and fresh views on today's important issues," said Daniels. "We must continue to call the next generation of Hoosier leaders to bring enthusiasm and excitement to reducing substance abuse in Indiana."

The governor touched on various ways to get involved with his Youth Council and explained how to become a positive force behind his drug- and alcohol-free initiatives. He also met one-on-one with some of the student leaders in attendance.

"This event gave our group a chance to come together and open the lines of communication," said Daniels. "The young people of Indiana should not be overlooked and I am confident that this team will implement a successful program."

A recent federal award provides five-year grants to 13 Indiana communities to implement a strategic prevention framework. During the first year, these communities will assess their county's specific capacity for supporting drug prevention programs. The Governor's Youth Council will work with Drug Free Indiana local coordinating councils and local leaders to develop new strategies and approaches to address substance abuse and use.

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Global online retailer to locate new logistics hub in Munster

Oct. 16, 2007- Amazon.com announced it will locate a new 75,000 square-foot fulfillment center in Munster, creating as many as 100 new jobs.

Operated by Amazon.com.kydc, Inc., the new center located will fill orders for Amazon's Media and Hardlines lines that include products ranging from office supplies to consumer electronics.

"Partnership with great global publicly traded companies are reenergizing our economy," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "With this new distribution facility, we strengthen the state's reputation as a logistics and distribution leader."

[Read the news release.](#)

Water bottler to open facility in Northwest Indiana

Oct. 16, 2007- Canadian water bottler Ice River Springs announced it will locate a new water bottling operation in Kentland, creating up to 100 new jobs.

The Ontario-based bottler will invest more than \$20 million to build and equip a 273,000 square-foot production and distribution center in the town's industrial park where it will manufacture and fill plastic bottles with water from a nearby spring.

"Ice River Springs heard our message that Northwest Indiana is a great place for business with access to key markets and a quality workforce," said Gov. Daniels.

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Oct. 16, 2007- Gov. Daniels explains the features of the state's new driver license designed to combat underage drinking to members of the Youth Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse.



Oct. 15, 2007- The governor met Oakland City University students during a campus tour.

A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Greencastle and Bloomington this week.